



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
[Project No. 2195-196]

Portland General Electric Company; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Application Type: Temporary variance from Project Operating Plan
- b. Project No.: 2195-196
- c. Date Filed: October 19, 2022, and supplemented on November 7, 2022
- d. Applicant: Portland General Electric Company (licensee)
- e. Name of Project: Clackamas River Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: The project is located on the mainstem of the Clackamas River and the Oak Grove Fork of the Clackamas River, in Clackamas County, Oregon and occupies federal lands within the Mt. Hood National Forest managed by the U.S. Forest Service and a reservation of the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a) – 825(r)
- h. Applicant Contact: Ms. Lindsay Smith, License Coordinator, Portland General Electric, 121 SW Salmon Street, Portland, Oregon 97204; (503) 630-8378; Lindsay.Smith@pgn.com.
- i. FERC Contact: Joy Kurtz, (202) 502-6760, joy.kurtz@ferc.gov.
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is December 28, 2022.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First

Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2195-196. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

- k. **Description of Request:** The licensee requests Commission approval for a variance from the Project Operating Plan (Plan) in order to accommodate testing of new Units 7 and 8 at the Faraday Powerhouse. The Plan, in part, requires the licensee to operate River Mill Dam to limit the hourly ramping rate to 10% or 100 cubic feet per second, whichever is greater, of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Estacada gage for all river flows. The testing is required in order to commission both units and place them into operation. The testing process will last approximately 90 days and begin between February 1 and April 15, 2023. Testing will require the licensee to shift water between Faraday Lake and Estacada Lake as it passes various flows through the new units. In some cases, testing will require the licensee to cease generation immediately after passing high flows through the units. Given this, and the details of other testing procedures, the licensee requests to increase the hourly ramping rate at River Mill Dam from 10% to 20% and use generation data and spillway flow to calculate project outflow, versus the USGS Estacada gage required by the Plan. During testing, the licensee will focus on limiting downramping rates rather than attempting to match outflow to inflow, which is the case under typical operating conditions, in an effort to protect biological resources downstream of River Mill Dam.
- l. **Locations of the Application:** The Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the Internet through the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

- m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.
- n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.
- o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 385.2010.

Dated: November 28, 2022.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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